

MEMORIAL
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PRAYING

An investigation of a mode discovered by him of applying electro-magnetic power to purposes of navigation and locomotion.

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Referred to a select committee, and ordered to be printed.

To the honorable the Senate in Congress assembled.

THIS MEMORIAL HUMBLY REPRESENTS :

That your petitioner has discovered a mode of applying electro-magnetic power for the purposes of navigation and locomotion, and as a general substitute for the dangerous agency of steam. Your petitioner has been engaged in the investigation of this subject for more than twelve years, at a great expense and sacrifice, and is now able to demonstrate the availability of the electro magnetic power as a mechanical agent, upon a scale of magnitude commensurate with his limited means. In view of the immense saving of human life and property to be derived from the application of this power to the exclusion of steam, your petitioner is deeply impressed with the importance of its *immediate* introduction, and respectfully invites the attention of your honorable body to this his invention, fraught with so much interest to the government and the people at large. A few years since upon the instance of a limited experimental trial of telegraphing by electro-magnetism, made within the walls of the Capitol, provision was made by authority of Congress to test the merits of that invention upon an extensive scale. The stupendous achievements of the telegraph at the present day are but the first fruits of that provision.

Your petitioner respectfully asks of your honorable body the appointment of a special committee to examine his invention and inquire into the expediency of legislation upon this subject. Your petitioner will, at his own expense, exhibit to said committee and such scientific advisers as they may elect, the operation and capabilities of his electro-magnetic engines, abiding in their wisdom and judgment as to the propriety of further action for the developement of this important invention.

Respectfully submitted.

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To the honorable the Senate, Congress assembled.

That your petitioner has discovered a mode of applying electric energy for the purpose of navigation and locomotion, and as a means of propulsion for the transport of steam. Your petitioner has been engaged in the investigation of this subject for more than two years, at a great expense and sacrifice, and is now able to demonstrate the feasibility of the electric locomotive, as a mechanical agent upon a scale of magnitude commensurate with the human means. In view of the immediate saving of human life and property to be derived from the application of this power to the propulsion of steam, your petitioner is deeply impressed with the importance of its introduction into action, and respectfully invites the attention of your honorable body to this his invention, fraught with so much interest to the government and the people at large. A few years since upon the instance of a limited experimental trial of telegraphing by electric magnetism, made within the walls of the Capitol, provision was made by authority of Congress to test the merits of this invention upon an extensive scale. The stupendous achievements of the telegraph at the present day are but the first fruits of that provision. Your petitioner respectfully asks of your honorable body the appointment of a special committee to examine his invention and judge into the expediency of legislation upon this subject. Your petitioner will, at his own expense, exhibit to said committee and such scientific advisers as they may select the operation and capabilities of his electric-magnetic engine, aiding in their wisdom and judgment as to the propriety of further action for the development of this important invention.

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